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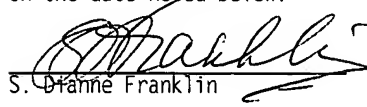
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DISCUSSION

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-048177 discloses that a fingerprint scanning sensor is equipped on an insertion port of a PC card itself. Since this PC card is loaded on a card slot of an electronic appliance, this electronic appliance can be used as an identification apparatus for

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identifying individuals. When individuals cannot be identified, operations of the electronic appliance may be restricted, and access operations to the PC card may be prohibited.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2001-243444 discloses a PC card in which a fingerprint scanning sensor constructed of a CCD (Charge-Coupled Device) or the like is provided at a grip position of the PC card. When the PC card is gripped by a user, a fingerprint of the user is automatically sensed, the user is identified based upon the scanned fingerprint and, thus, access operations to personal information and the like which may have been stored in this PC card may be prevented.

Related U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0235329 A1 (corresponding to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,020 filed June 16, 2003) discloses a construction of a roller type fingerprint scanning apparatus. The present application and Publication No. US 2003/0235329 A1 are assigned to the same assignee.

The remaining documents were cited by applicants in related application Serial No. 10/463,020 (US 2003/0235329 A1).

It is respectfully requested that the documents submitted herewith all be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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